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## **CAL FIRE TRAINING BURN**

**Morgan Hill** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, CAL FIRE will be conducting a "training burn" over a three day period on the following days; June 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 starting at 10 am and concluding at 3 pm each day.

A total of 5 acres will be consumed during the three day training period. The training burn will proceed each day pending favorable weather conditions and approval from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

The site of the training burn will be Joseph D. Grant County Park located at 18405 Mt. Hamilton Rd. San Jose, CA. The site is approximately 15 miles east of the City of San Jose. This training burn will put up a column of smoke that may be visible from the San Jose area.

CAL FIRE has been conducting training burns for many years throughout California, as well as here in Santa Clara County. These training burns have many benefits for the public as well as hands on training for firefighters.

A natural resource benefit from this training burn includes: increased biodiversity, control of noxious weeds, enhanced wildlife habitat and protection against large damaging wild fires. All training burn projects are conducted under specific weather conditions and fuel conditions to minimize any negative impacts.

Residents looking for information on how to prepare themselves, their families and their homes for wildfire can visit <a href="www.ReadyForWildfire.org">www.ReadyForWildfire.org</a>. The site offers tips for residents to make their homes more resistant to wildfires and to ensure that their families are ready to evacuate early and safely when a wildfire strikes.

For more than two years, California has been dealing with the effects of drought. To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit drought.ca.gov.

Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.